



**MARCH - APRIL 2017**



**A Message  
From Mayor  
Dennis Clough**

Dear Resident:

A sure sign spring is coming to Westlake is the annual State of the City address. We will review highlights from the past year of planning and economic development activities, infrastructure improvements and city services. In addition, we will examine how well we met our objectives and what our expectations are for 2017 and beyond. The presentation is followed by a short question and answer session.

The address also gives me an opportunity to express my gratitude to the dedicated staff of the City of Westlake, members of City Council, and many people, businesses and organizations in our community. Our combined efforts are the reason Westlake is continually recognized on numerous regional lists as one of the top 5 suburbs of Cleveland to live, work, visit, play and learn.

This year's event will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, before the Westshore Chamber of Commerce at Carrabba's Italian Grill.

For anyone who is interested but unable to attend, links to the document used in the presentation and the video of the event will be available a few days later at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Mayor](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Mayor).

Sincerely,

*Dennis M. Clough*  
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Mayor

## Spring Into a New Summer Job!

Join a winning team with the City of Westlake on Saturday, March 11, 2017, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Westlake Recreation Center. Positions are for ages 16 and older, with the exception of Engineering.

The following departments will be searching for qualified candidates:

- Recreation – Lifeguards; Concessions; Day Camps
- Recreation – Field & Golf Course Maintenance
- Service – Parks, Forestry, Roads, Sewers, Cemetery
- Engineering – Sidewalk Inspectors; Interns

## Rain and Garden Show with Recycling Competition

The 2017 Rain and Garden Show will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the new Market Square in Crocker Park. Learn about stormwater quality issues and healthy living while exploring eco-friendly products. Our knowledgeable local vendors will be there to help you beautify your house and yard naturally. Come discover how easy and beneficial it is to “Go Green” with your landscaping efforts this year.

The Show is not just for adults! Our popular Kid Zone, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., returns with face painting and a balloon clown and welcomes “Jungle Bob” with his amazing creatures. Students in grades 7-8 are invited to submit a project in our Creative Recycling Competition.

This FREE event is presented by the City of Westlake and the Westlake Watershed Group. Find details at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Go-Green](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Go-Green).

## Calling all Westlake Nonagenarians

Do you know a Westlake resident who is 90 (or more) or is turning 90 in 2017? Help us honor them at our annual community “90 & Over Birthday Celebration” on Wednesday, April 26, at 11:30 a.m. This special day includes a brunch and birthday cake at the Westlake Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Boulevard. Mayor Dennis Clough will present each birthday celebrant with a Mayoral Proclamation.

Please call the Community Services Department at 440-899-3544 so we can send them an invitation. It's one of our favorite events and we're excited to see our guest list growing year after year!

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Clocks Ahead!**



**MARCH 12**

**Turn your Clocks  
ahead and  
change your  
Smoke Detector  
Batteries!**

## NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

### Holiday Collection Schedule

Good Friday – April 14, 2017 – No delay for collection  
Memorial Day – May 29, 2017 – 1 day delay for the week

### Rubbish and Recycling Updates

Rubbish and recycling should be at the tree lawn preferably the night before after 6 p.m. but no later than 6 a.m. on your collection day. Please place rubbish and recycling on opposite sides of your driveway apron for collection.

**NEW!** Rumpke requires that mattresses, box springs, and upholstered furniture (couches, chairs, etc.) must be wrapped in plastic for disposal. Plastic bags or wrap can be purchased at local storage facilities or hardware stores. If you have any questions, please contact Rumpke at 800-828-8171.

### Spring Computer Round-Up

Last year we collected 18.94 tons of old computer equipment including computers, tablets and e-readers, computer monitors and components, printers, cell phones and their accessories and other acceptable items! The Spring Round-Up will be held Monday – Friday, April 3 – April 7 (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) and Saturday, April 8 (7:30 a.m. - noon). Find the list of acceptable items you can drop off at the Service Center, 741 Bassett Road, only on these days at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Computer-Roundup](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Computer-Roundup).



NOTE: Our Spring Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up will be held May 8 – May 13. See complete details at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Hazardous-Waste-Round-Up-Flyer](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Hazardous-Waste-Round-Up-Flyer).

### Spring Yard Clean Up Days

Time to spruce up your yards! Our 2017 dates are Monday, April 24 – Friday, May 5.

Leaf Pick Up: Please rake your leaves to the tree lawn (do not place in the street). Call the Service Department for pick up schedule or find the latest information at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Daily-Leaf-Update](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Daily-Leaf-Update).

Brush/Tree Branches: Our brush truck will be picking up branches and limbs on your regularly scheduled pick up day for trash/recycling.

- Smaller limbs must be bundled and tied securely with a non-metallic binder.
- Tree branches must be no longer than 4 feet with a maximum spread of 2 feet.  
Note: Branches exceeding these dimensions will not be collected.
- All thorn and pricker branches must be bundled with a maximum size of one foot in diameter.
- Place all bundles parallel to the curb.



## NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Spring Hydrant Flushing

With spring comes the annual flushing and maintenance of our fire hydrants. When the work is taking place in your neighborhood, please anticipate the possibility of rust in your water for a brief time. Quick fix: just run your COLD water until the rust disappears.



## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Meet and Eat, News and Views, Make and Take, Coffee and Conversation, Men's Morning, Aging Alone, Matter of Balance and Soup for the Soul

Besides some rhyming or alliteration, what do all these have in common? They are just a few of the regularly scheduled Fifty Plus programs to enjoy here at the Westlake Center for Community Services. We are the white building with the beautiful view of Meadowood Golf Course at the intersection of Crocker and Center Ridge Roads. To inquire about our newsletter, calendar or RSVP for programs, call 440-899-3544, or just drop by and ask for a tour.

### Is Travelling on Your Heart?

Yes, we have that too! Choose from Day Trips and Mini Trips to Extended Day Trips. Call the Center at 440-899-3544 for information on more trips. Our monthly newsletter also contains information. View the current issue and how to subscribe at [www.cityofwestlake.org/50-Plus-News](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/50-Plus-News).

Here's just one example! "Historic Houses of Worship 3 Tour" on Thursday, April 6, 8:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Explore some of Cleveland's architectural and spiritual gems including historic Lakeview Cemetery, known as "Cleveland's Outdoor Museum," Wade Memorial Church, University Circle Methodist Church, St. Theodosius Russian Orthodox Cathedral and Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked lunch at Sokolowski's University Inn. Cost is \$59, payable to JKL Tours by March 16.

## Annual Yard Sale

The Westlake Historical Society will hold their huge spring yard sale on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., on the lawn of the Clague House Museum located at 1371 Clague Road. Donations can be placed on the side porch of the Clague House. For information or pickup, please call us at 216-848-0680. Thank you for supporting our local history!



## NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Spring/Summer Gazette Available

Find information regarding all of our summer camps, fitness programs and Peterson Pool in this edition. We will no longer be mailing them to homes.

You can be notified when a new issue posts at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Rec-Gazette](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Rec-Gazette) by subscribing to our email list. Just send an email to [recinfo@cityofwestlake.org](mailto:recinfo@cityofwestlake.org). For a printed copy, please stop by the front desk at the Rec Center, Meadowood Golf Course or City Hall.

### Monthly Payment Option

We are excited to announce that we will be accepting monthly payments for memberships beginning in early March. Payments for new memberships and renewals can be made at the annual rate or sign up for our monthly installment option. Watch for more details in early March.

### Some of our Upcoming Events:

- **March Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament:** For boys and girls in grades 3-8. The Girls' Tournament is Thursday, March 23; the Boys' Tournament is Saturday, March 25. Contact Patti Hageman at 440-808-5700 ext. 3428 for more details.
- **Spring Family Fun Night:** On Friday, April 7, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Westlake Recreation Center members can help celebrate Spring with this fun family event. We will have a DJ playing music, a bounce house, giant slide, face painters, balloon clowns and even the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance. Please register at the Rec by April 5.
- **Summer Day Camp:** This year's day camp will be held from June 12 to August 11. Children ages 5-11 can enjoy weekly activities, field trips, swimming, crafts, fitness and much more. Sign up for a day or for the entire week. Registration begins March 13.

### Meadowood Golf Course

Meadowood Golf Course will be opening soon. Check us out for all your golfing needs, including lessons for both youths and adults.

We also have a NEW Family Sunday special. For each paying adult, a junior's green fee is free after 2:00 p.m. every Sunday!

## NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Spring is a great time to prepare for home improvements with a focus on safety.

We would like to remind all residents that permits and inspections are required for most home improvement projects. Permit and contractor information is available on the Building Department webpage at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Building](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Building) or by calling 440-617-4105.

Safe and proper construction is a top priority for the staff of our Building Department. We are joining with jurisdictions around the world again this year to celebrate Building Safety Month in May to promote building safety, specifically the importance of building and remodeling to current codes and standards. Information brochures will be available in the Building Department located in City Hall during the month.

## NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**As we look ahead to the change in season and activities, please keep the following safety tips in mind.**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a responsible manner befitting the great patron saint of Ireland. Don't drink and drive.

With the return of warm weather, more children will be outdoors playing and walking to/from school. Use extra caution when driving near a school building. Same for construction zones; slow down and give the workers a break.

If you are working in the yard, close and lock the door to the house. It is easy for a burglar to slip inside while you are engrossed in your labors.

Good weather brings out door-to-door sales people. Always ask to see their city permit. Remember that a permit is not an endorsement of the product or service; it only means that the bearer has passed a criminal background check.

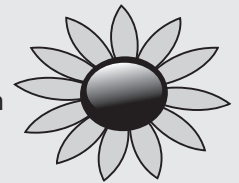
Remind your spring breaker kids about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, especially in a foreign country. Use the buddy system, don't let drinks out of your sight and encourage friends to check-in with someone back at home.

### 2017 Westlake in Bloom Community Beautification Competition

Thinking about your garden or landscape? It's the perfect time to enter the Westlake in Bloom Community Beautification Competition recognizing Westlake's avid gardeners who beautify their homes, businesses and institutions.

Entry is FREE but the form must be received by Friday, June 30, 2017. Judging will be July 10, 11 and 12, weather permitting, and the awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, August 9.

Get all the details at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Westlake-in-Bloom](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Westlake-in-Bloom).



### Annual Sewer Bill Payment Option

Residents will receive a letter with their sewer billing this month offering the convenient option of paying your sewer bill just once per year instead of making quarterly payments. Plus you will receive a \$5.00 discount for using this option.

For additional information, please call 440-871-3300 or visit [www.cityofwestlake.org/Annual-Sewer-Bill](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Annual-Sewer-Bill).



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[www.cityofwestlake.org/Mayors-Newsletter](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Mayors-Newsletter)



**Westlake Watershed Group Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who joined our February meeting!  
 All are invited to attend our next meeting on Friday, April 21, at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall as we continue to develop the City's environmental education and involvement projects. We welcome your input on how to improve the quality of life and our environment by keeping our local waterways clean and sustainable.

Please contact the Engineering Department at 440-617-4145 or [engdept@cityofwestlake.org](mailto:engdept@cityofwestlake.org) with any questions.

**Surplus Auctions**

The City of Westlake and the Westlake Police Department will dispose of certain forfeited, confiscated, obsolete and surplus items through [www.GovDeals.com/Westlake](http://www.GovDeals.com/Westlake) online auction service. They are generally held early in the month if needed. We post a notice on our website home page's News Flash and in social media when an auction is active.

**Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner**

The Westlake City Schools, in partnership with the Westlake Kiwanis, Westlake Porter Public Library and the City of Westlake, will host a Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, May 2, 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. at Westlake High School.

All of our senior residents are invited into our community schools for dinner and entertainment from our high school show choir and jazz band to show our appreciation.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available beginning in April at the Westlake Board of Education offices at Parkside, 24525 Hilliard Boulevard; Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road; and the Westlake Community Services Center, 29694 Center Ridge Road. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, April 25. For more information, contact [bonvissuto@wlake.org](mailto:bonvissuto@wlake.org).